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SUBJECT: UNESCO CONFERENCE, SAN JOSE JULY 12-21

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1. COSTA RICAN DELEGATION TO SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE
HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALO FACIO. OTHER KEY
MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE MINISTER OF CULTURE GUIDO SAENZ,
VICE MINISTER OF EDUCATION SOTO, AND PRESIDENTIAL
ADVISER FOURNIER. FACIO IS CONSIDERING NAMING
LOCAL MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COSTA RICAN DELEGATION.

2. AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE FACIO MADE THE FOLLOWING
POINTS RE CONFERENCE AND GOCR VIEWS ABOUT MEDIA:

--COSTA RICA OPPOSES STATE CONTROL OF THE MEDIA.

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--UNESCO CONFERENCE IS A MEETING OF GOVERNMENTS.
EXTREMIST POSITIONS WOULD BE SUPPORTED ONLY BY GOVERNMENTS
ALREADY SO INCLINED.

--ONLY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS COULD FORMULATE
POSITIONS SUPPORTING A NATIONALIZED PRESS.

--THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION HAS NEVER
BEEN A PARAGON OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS; IT ONLY
REPRESENTS THE FREEDOM OF PUBLISHERS AND THEIR
ASSOCIATES.
RUEM EMBOFF PRESENTED POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY JUNE 30. AFTER HEARING USG VIEWS, OFFICIAL
VERIFIED PRESS ACCOUNTS FACIO'S REMARKS. OFFICIAL OPINED
THAT WHILE ISSUES WILL BE DISCUSSED NO RESOLUTION WILL
BE ADOPTED AND NOTED THAT GOCR WILL NOT CHANGE ITS
TRADITIONAL VIEWS AND POLICY RE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS
REGARDLESS OF CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS.

4. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT CARIARI HOTEL. DELEGATES
WILL BE HOUSED AT THE CARIARI AND NEARBY HERRADURA INN.
JOURNALISTS COVERING CONFERENCE WILL PROBABLY BE HOUSED AT
HOTELS IRAZU AND TORREIFWMLXM SPECIAL COMMITTEE
HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEWSMEN HEADED
BY FERNANDO JARQUIN, MINISTRY OF PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL.
DEV
RTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE JARQUIN'S NAME AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER (21-08-81) AS CONTACT POINT TO MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES.

5. UNESCO, NOT GOCR, COMPILING LIST OF DELEGATES, THUS
GOOCR NOT FULLY INFORMED WHO ATTENDING. FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT A LARGE CUBAN DELEGATION, HEADED
BY MINISTER OF INFORMATION, IS EXPECTED. VISAS FOR
SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CUBAN JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN
REQUESTED. UNESCO HAS INFORMED GOCR VARIOUS (UNNAMED)
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO OBSERVE
CONFERENCE AND WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

6. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INQUIRED RE COMPOSITION OF
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U.S. OBSERVER DELEGATION. AS AMBASSADOR INDICATED
DURING RECENT CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, EMBASSY WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATE IN
DELEGATION. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT TYPE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT EMBASSY MAY BE CALLED UPON TO
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